IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Atty Dkt. 1201-55 In re Patent Application of C# М# Group Art Unit: 1616 SCHNEIDER et al Examiner: Hartley, M. Serial No. 09/115,963 Date: December 22, 2003 July 15, 1998 Filed: SPERSIONS OR SUSPENSIONS OF PRESSURE-LONG-LASTING AQUEOBAS Title: RESISTANT GAS-FILLED MICROVESICLES AND METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment the absence of any other signature thereon.

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AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2003 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due September 20, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension of time is \$950 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now December 20, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.